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MRAPS scoping meetings schedule set

OMAHA – Thirty public and 11 tribal-focused meetings will be held by the Army Corps of Engineers to collect recommendations, suggestions and comments to help define the scope of studies that will be conducted for the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study (MRAPS). Effects on the Mississippi River resulting from the operation of projects on the Missouri River are part of the study.

Each of the public meetings will run from 5 to 8 p.m. with an open-house from 5 to 7 p.m. and the final hour (7 to 8 p.m.) will be reserved for public speakers' comments. Participants may attend at their convenience. The meetings will include:

- A program booklet and comment form
- A continuous overview video presentation
- Individually staffed stations focused on the authorized purposes
- Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with Corps experts to ask questions and share information on the study
- Materials on the study
- Opportunities for participants to make comments during the open-house or public speakers' comment period
- Comment forms and a court reporter to record comments

The Tribal-focused meetings will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The format will vary slightly.

"We encourage the people planning to participate in these scoping meetings to come prepared to talk about what's important to them and the problems and opportunities that should be addressed by the study," said Mark Harberg, study co-manager.

Congress has directed the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a review of the original purposes established by the 1944 Flood Control Act. The goal of the multi-year study is to determine if changes in the original project purposes are warranted. The eight purposes are flood control, hydropower, water supply, irrigation, navigation, recreation, water quality and fish and wildlife. Corps and Bureau of Reclamation infrastructure is included in the study.

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Individuals requiring assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in these meetings can contact lois@djcase.com at least three days prior to a specific meeting. Those who use a telecommunications service for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) anytime at 800-877-8339 to relay this same information.

Comments will be accepted through September 20, 2010. They can be e-mailed to: mraps@usace.army.mil or sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, Attn.: CENWO-PM-AA, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 9000, Omaha, NE 68102-4901.

For more information about the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, visit: www.mraps.org.

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Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study

Scoping Meeting Schedule

Public meetings will run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tribal-focused meetings will be conducted in nearby locations when marked with an asterisk (). They will run from 11 a.m. to*

May 25	Mobridge, S.D.	Scherr Howe Arena, 212 N. Main St.
May 26	Pierre, S.D.*	AmericInn, 312 Island Dr., Ft. Pierre <i>Tribal-focus: Wakpa Sica Historical Society, 709 Ft Chouteau Rd, Ft Pierre</i>
May 27	Rapid City, S.D.*	Best Western Ramkota, 2111 N. LaCrosse St. <i>Tribal-focus: SD School of Mines, Bump Lounge, 501 E. Saint Joseph St.</i>
Jun 01	Jefferson City, Mo.	Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty St.
Jun 02	Kansas City, Mo.	Kansas City Marriott Plaza, 4445 Main St.
Jun 03	St. Joseph, Mo.	Ramada Inn, 4016 Fredrick Blvd.
Jun 15	Fort Peck, Mont.*	Fort Peck Interpretive Ctr, Lower Yellowstone Rd. <i>Tribal-focus: State Fish Hatchery, Fort Peck</i>
Jun 16	Williston, N.D.*	New National Guard Armory, 10 Main St. <i>Tribal-focus: Williston College, Alumni Center, 1410 University Ave</i>
Jun 17	Bismarck, N.D.*	Best Western Doublewood, 1400 Interchange Ave. <i>Tribal-focus: UTTC, Wellness Center, 3315 University Dr.</i>
Jun 18	Fargo, N.D.*	Holiday Inn of Fargo, 3803 13 th Ave. <i>Tribal-focus: NDSU, Alumni Center, 1241 N University Dr</i>
Jun 22	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Mid-America Center, One Arena Way
Jun 23	Nebraska City, Neb.	Fraternal Order of Eagles, 600 1 st Corso
Jun 24	Lincoln, Neb.	Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9 th St.
Jul 07	New Orleans, La.	Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Blvd, Kenner
Jul 08	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Marriott East, 2625 Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Jul 09	St. Louis, Mo.	Doubletree Hotel St. Louis, 1973 Craigshire

Jul 13	Topeka, Kan.*	Holiday Inn Holidome, 605 SW Fairlawn Rd. <i>Tribal-focus: Haskell Indian National University, 155 E. Indian Ave, Lawrence</i>
Jul 14	Salina, Kan.	Ramada Conference Center, 1616 W. Crawford
Jul 15	Manhattan, Kan.	Holiday Inn at the Campus, 1641 Anderson Ave.
Jul 27	Rock Island, Ill.	Holiday Inn Conference Center, 226 17 th St.
Jul 28	Des Moines, Iowa	Holiday Inn Airport, 6111 Fleur Dr.
Jul 29	Sioux City, Iowa	Stoney Creek Inn, 300 3 rd St.
Jul 30	Yankton, S.D.*	Riverfront Event Center, 121 W. 3 rd St. <i>Tribal-focus: USD, Native American Cultural Center, 414 E. Clark, Vermillion</i>
Aug 03	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Holiday Inn I-80, 204 West Fox Farm Rd.
Aug 04	North Platte, Neb.	Quality Inn Convention Center, 2102 South Jeffers
Aug 05	Denver, Colo.	Doubletree Hotel, 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora
Aug 17	Helena, Mont.*	Red Lion Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Dr. <i>Tribal-focus: Montana's Museum, 225 North Roberts</i>
Aug 18	Billings, Mont.*	Holiday Inn Hotel, 5500 Midland Rd. <i>Tribal-focus: Montana State, 1500 University Drive</i>
Aug 19	Thermopolis, Wyo.*	Days Inn Thermopolis, 115 E. Park St. <i>Tribal-focus: Central Wyoming College, 2660 Peck Ave., Riverton</i>
Aug 20	Casper, Wyo.	Best Western Ramkota, 800 N. Poplar